

RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Claims 1-12, 23, 25-29, 40, 43 and 46 have been provisionally rejected on the grounds of non-statutory double patenting over certain claims in co-pending application Serial No. 10/684,921. Filed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer for the purpose of overcoming this double patenting rejection. Accordingly, upon acceptance of the attached Terminal Disclaimer, this rejection will be vitiated.

The objection to the remaining claims, although not stated, is believed to be couched on the fact that each of them depends directly or indirectly from one of the rejected claims. With the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer, the rejected claims are allowable. With such allowance, the claims to which the objection has been made are also allowable.

In view of the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer and as there are no other issues outstanding, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance,

which allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Robert von Hellens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "R".

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